

CLAIMS:

1. A method of updating software (116) by replacing an original part of the software (116) by an updated part, the software being arranged to operate at least partly under the control of configuration information (118), the method comprising:

- reading (304) the configuration information,
- converting (306) the configuration information,
- storing (310) the converted configuration information, and
- storing (114) the updated part.

2. A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein converting the configuration information comprises converting an original set (206) with original configuration parameters into an updated set (210) with updated configuration parameters.

3. A method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein converting the original set (206) with the original configuration parameters into the updated set (210) with the updated configuration parameters uses different ones of the following operations:

- copying one of the original configuration parameters into the updated set,
- deleting one of the original configuration parameters from the original set,
- converting one of the original configuration parameters of the original set into one of the updated configuration parameters of the updated set,
- adding a new configuration parameter as one of the updated configuration parameters of the updated set.

4. A method as claimed in Claim 3, wherein a conversion function is used for converting the one of the original configuration parameters of the original set (206) into the one of the updated configuration parameters of the updated set (210).

5. A method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the original set (206) is located in a first file (118) accessible by the original part (116) of the software and the updated set (210) is located in a second file (128) accessible by the updated part.

6. A method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein converting the original set (206) with the original configuration parameters into the updated set (210) with the updated configuration parameters is carried out on the basis of a conversion instruction (302) specifying how the original set is to be converted into the updated set.

7. A method as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the conversion instruction is a table.

8. A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the software (116) resides in a device (102) and wherein the updated part of the software is downloaded from a remote location (106) to the device.

9. A method as claimed in Claim 8, wherein converting the configuration information comprises converting an original set (206) with original configuration parameters into an updated set (210) with updated configuration parameters on the basis of a conversion instruction (302) and wherein the conversion instruction is downloaded from the remote location (106) to the device.

10. A computer program product (202, 204) that is arranged to make a processor execute the method as claimed in any of the Claims 1 to 9.

11. A carrier (126) comprising the computer program product (202, 204) as claimed in Claim 10.

12. A signal (103) representing the computer program product (202, 204) as claimed in Claim 10.

13. A device (102) comprising software (116) and updating means for updating the software by replacing an original part of the software by an updated part, the software being arranged to operate at least partly under the control of configuration information (118) and the updating means comprising:

- read means (122) for reading the configuration information,
- conversion means (202) for converting the configuration information,
- first storage means (204) for storing the converted configuration information, and

- second storage means (114) for storing the updated part.

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